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ALLARD RETURNS MONEY TO TAXPAYERS COLORADO LAWMAKER HAS RETURNED \$2.7 MILLION

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced today that for the twelfth year in a row he has returned money from his operating budget to the taxpayers. Allard said that he has returned \$267,418.91 from this year's operating budget to the treasury.

"I believe a public official must lead through example," said Allard. "The people of Colorado sent me to Washington to be a good steward of their tax dollars. I am proud for the twelfth year in a row to return money to the taxpayers."

This year's total brings Allard's six year total amount returned to the taxpayers in the Senate to \$987,342.58 and his total since being elected to Congress in 1991 to more than \$2.7 million.

Allard said that by making it a priority to return money annually to the treasury, it gives him greater credibility when he questions federal agencies on their spending.

"By making it a priority to return money annually to the treasury, my concerns over federal spending are taken more seriously," added Allard. "When I ask a federal agency what they are doing to hold down spending, they know I am only asking of them to do what I ask of myself."

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